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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2005–06 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1608

Introduced by Assembly Member Liu
(Coauthors: Assembly Members Shirley Horton, Salinas, and
Wyland)

February 22, 2005

An act to add Section 51224.1 to the Education Code, relating to vocational education.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1608, as amended, Liu. Vocational education: requirements.

Existing law requires the governing board of any school district maintaining a high school to prescribe courses of study designed to provide the skills and knowledge required for adult life for pupils attending the schools within its school district.

This bill would require the governing board of a school district maintaining a middle school, or either of grades 7 and 8, to prescribe courses of study designed to provide the skills and knowledge required for adult life for pupils attending the schools within its school district, *and relating to career technical education, workforce preparation, and workforce needs in the community*, as specified, and, in doing so, would impose a state-mandated local program.

The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that the bill contains costs mandated by the state,

reimbursement for those costs shall be made pursuant to these statutory provisions.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: yes.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 51224.1 is added to the Education
2 Code, to read:
3 51224.1. (a) The governing board of a school district
4 maintaining a middle school, or either of grades 7 and 8, shall
5 prescribe courses of study designed to provide the skills and
6 knowledge required for adult life for pupils attending the schools
7 within its school district. ~~The governing board shall prescribe~~
8 ~~separate courses of study,~~ to introduce students to a variety of
9 career technical education courses designed and conducted for
10 the purpose of preparing youth for gainful employment ~~and~~
11 ~~demonstrating,~~ *to demonstrate* the linkages between academic
12 study and workforce preparation. ~~Courses offered shall, and to~~
13 reflect the workforce needs of the community and state and the
14 career desires and needs of the pupils.
15 (b) It is the intent of the Legislature that this course shall be
16 ~~offered instead of an other existing elective offered to pupils in~~
17 ~~grades 7 and 8. offered to pupils in middle school and in grades 7~~
18 ~~and 8, either as a separate career exploration course, or as~~
19 ~~information imbedded in existing courses offered to those pupils.~~
20 SEC. 2. If the Commission on State Mandates determines that
21 this act contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement to
22 local agencies and school districts for those costs shall be made
23 pursuant to Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division
24 4 of Title 2 of the Government Code.